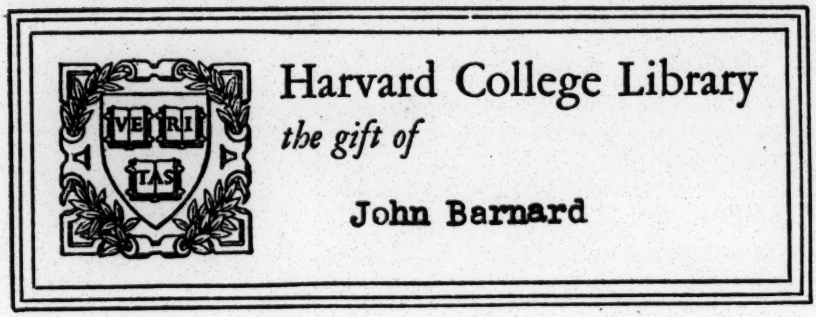

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A MESSAGE SENT *TO THE* PARLIAMENT *FROM*

The Members of the House of Commons at *Colchester*, informing them of the Passages there, how the multitude doth daily increase, and have plundered the Lady *Rivers* house at *Colchester*, and taken from her the value of forty thousand pound in Money, Plate, Jewels, and other things of great worth; threatning moreover to plunder all the Papists houses in *Essex*, conceiving them to be the causers of the present distractions.

Likwise the coming of the Earl of Southampton *the Ear of* Dorset *and Sr.* John Culpeper *to both Houses concerning the withdrawing their present forces.*

Also a true Relation of the manner of taking *Dover* Castle on *Wednesday* night *Aug.* 25. by the Earl of *Warwick* and *M. Dukes.*

And the taking of a ship that came from *Spaine* by the Earle of *Warwick* with 600000 pound, seized upon at *Southampton* for the use of the *Parliament*, and Ordered to be brought up to LONDON.

Joh. Brown, Cler. Parl.

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A MESSAGE SENT FROM *Colchester* to the Parliament, informing them of the Passages there, and how the multitude doth daily increase, and have plundered the Lady *Rivers* her house, taking away from her the value of forty thousand pound in money, plate, iewels, and many other things of great worth,

And how they threaten to plunder all the Papists houses in that Countrey.

Also a true Relation of the manner of taking *Dover* Castle on wednesday night *Aug.* 24. by the Earl of *Warwick* and *M. Dukes.*

THe Houses of Parliament have received information frō Sir *Thomas Barington* and *M. Grimston*, that were sent to *Colchester* in *Essex*, that the multitude of people that gathered themselves together by occasion of Sir *Iohn Lucas* his

providing of horſe and ammunition to ſend to His Maieſty, were very much increaſed, and that they were ſo much incenſed againſt the Papiſts, and others ill-affected to the Parliament, that they could not appeaſe them, and that they have plundered the Lady *Rivers* houſe at *Colcheſter*, and have ſpoiled and taken away from her in money, plate, iewels, and other things of value, to the ſum of forty thouſand pound, withall giving out ſpeeches, and threatning to plunder all the Papiſts in that County, which (they conceived) were the cauſers of all theſe troubles and diſtractions in the Kingdome, and were the occaſions that they, their wives and children were brought into great want and extremity, (by the great decay of trading) and for that they have plotted the ruine and deſtruction of this Kingdome. The occaſion of this multitudes gathering together in this manner was as followeth.

Upon Friday laſt being the ſix and twentieth day of Auguſt, the Houſe of Commons received a Letter from the Maior of *Colcheſter* directed to M. *Iohn Pym* of the Houſe of Commons, declaring the fidelity and good affection of the inhabitants of the ſaid town of *Colcheſter* and other townes thereabouts in that good ſervice they performed for the King and Parliament in taking away the great ſtore of armes and ammunition that were found in the dwelling

ling houſe of Sir *Iohn Lucas* neere *Colcheſter*, and how that a great many Muskets, Piſtols, and Carbines were found ready charged; all which was diſcovered by one Captain *Lumley*, who forthwith informed the towne thereof; upon whoſe information the whole towne roſe in a great uproare, and within a ſmall time about two thouſand people were gathered together, who forthwith beſet the houſe of the ſaid Sir *Iohn Lucas*; but were denied entrance for a time; whereupon the people were ſo inraged, that they demanded entrance without delay: they that were within the houſe perceiving the multitude without to be too great for them to make oppoſition againſt, opened the gates, where after they had entred, they found twelve Horſes fitted for warre, that ſhould have gone to the King the next day, and two hundred men: Diverſe of them being examined concerning the occaſion of their being there, would confeſſe nothing, but ſaid that they were ſworne to ſecreſie: the people hearing this anſwer, were further inraged againſt Sir *Iohn Lucas*, inſomuch that the Maior was inforced to carrie him home to his own houſe, to keep him from the violence of the people: Herewithall the people were no whit ſatisfied, but rather the more inraged (reſolving either to have him out, or els they threatned to pull downe the Maiors houſe) untill he had ſent him

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to the common Goale. The people yet are in great feare and amazement, and continue together in great multitudes, and will not returne to their habitations untill they have further satisfaction concerning him. The Maior not knowing what course to take with the people, nor how to pacifie them, sent with all speed to know the pleasure of the Parliament concerning the same. After some debate of it in the House of Commons, they desired a Conference with the Lords, where the said Letter was read, and thereupon the Lords and Commons ordered, that Sir *Thomas Barrington*, and [illegible] *Grimstone* should goe with all speed downe to *Colchester* to appease the people, and to give them thankes for their good affection, and forwardnesse to assist the Parliament, declaring to them, that the House took it as an acceptable service, desiring them to depart to their owne houses.

Upon wednesday night last the foure and twentieth of August, one M. *Dukes* a Merchant that was intrusted for the securing of the Castle of *Dover* in *Kent*, caused ten men, armed with swords and Muskets ready charged, to climbe up a steep rock (in the dead time of the night) and to draw up scaling ladders after them, to scale the wals of the Castle, to take it and keep it for the King and Parliament. After they had scaled the wals and got into the Castle,

ſſle, theſe ten Musketiers went to the Court of Guard, conſiſting but of foure men, who at the ſudden appearance of theſe ten men were ſo amazed, that they ſeemed to be in a trance, and demanding of them who kept the keyes of the gate, for feare they directed them to the Porter who kept the keyes, and knocking at his chamber doore, they commanded him to deliver up the keyes to them for the ſervice of the King and Parliament: at firſt he denied, ſaying, he would not: whereupon they would have broke open the door, and withall threatning to ſhoot him, unleſſe he would deliver up the keyes: at length he gave them the keyes, and preſently they went to the gate and ſent poſt to the Earle of *Warwick*, who lay nigh *Dover* with his ſhips, and immediately ſent them threeſcore Musketiers, beſides forty Musketiers more ready prepared which were ſent from the Citizens of *Canterbury*, who immediately tooke the Caſtle for the uſe and ſervice of the King and Parliament, turning out all thoſe whom they ſuſpected to be ill-affected to the Parliament. Not above two daves after, upon Friday the 26. of Auguſt, the Parliament received information of a ſhip coming from *Spaine* with 600000. pound coming to *Portſmouth*, and finding no means to arrive there by reaſon of the ſhips which the Earle of *Warwick* had laid before the towre, and perceiving no poſſi-

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bility of escaping, being descried by the said ship, they struck into *Southampton*, pretending that they came with other merchandize, but being searched, little was found therein but Bullion, which they said was to be coyned here: and so it is thought it shall; for, the Parliament have made stay thereof, and ordered that it shall be brought to *London*.

His Maiesty was gratiously pleased to let the Houses understand that if they will withdraw their forces, and nominate a Committee to treat with others chosen by him, he is willing to stand to such a treaty of pacification they shall agree on.

The Lords and Commons in Parliament declare, That all such persons as shall, upon any pretence whatsoever, assist His Maiesty in this Warre, with Horse, Arms, Plate or Money, are Traytors to His Maiesty, the Parliament and Kingdome, and shall be brought to condigne punishment for so high an offence.

Ordered to be forthwith printed & published,

Joh. Brown Cleric. Parliament.

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